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Viewing cable 09BISHKEK744, KYRGYZSTAN: DINNER AT MAXIM'S

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09BISHKEK744	2009-07-15 10:40	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Bishkek

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<http://rusrep.ru/article/2010/12/07/kirgizia/>

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TAGS: [PREL](#) [PGOV](#) [KG](#)
SUBJECT: KYRGYZSTAN: DINNER AT MAXIM'S

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Lee Litzenberger, Reason 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Summary. Over dinner with Charge, President Bakiyev's youngest son Maxim claimed credit for masterminding the Kyrgyz decision to keep t
2. (C) President Bakiyev has two sons by his ethnic Russian wife. The elder, Marat, is Ambassador to Germany. The younger, Maxim, is 32 and a
3. (C) On July 13, after the very successful July 11-12 visit by U/S Burns and a senior interagency delegation to discuss ways to enhance rele
4. (C) Charge arrived promptly at 8:45 p.m. at the main restaurant. Staff there looked confused, and asked who he was and who he was waiting f
5. (C) After pleasantries, Charge thanked Maxim for his support for the new Transit Center arrangements. Sarbayev quickly interjected, "I tol
6. (C) In response to Charge's question, Maxim indicated that his support for the turnaround on Manas entailed some risk, but said his backgr
7. (C) Maxim, clearly pleased with his role in outfoxing Moscow, relayed a joke to Charge. Putin and Medvedev are sitting around. Medvedev say
8. (C) Maxim claimed to have met recently with his American "friends" in Istanbul, where he claimed the Americans reacted positively to his su
9. (C) Maxim and Sarbayev were also very interested in the BISHKEK 00000744 003.2 OF 004 U.S. agreement with Russia for the transit of lethal
10. (C) Both Sarbayev and Maxim asked for Charge's help in arranging a visit for President Bakiyev to Washington. Charge indicated such things
11. (C) Sarbayev had earlier indicated to Charge that Sarbayev wanted to bring his ten year old son to see the U.S. in August, and that Maxim
12. (C) Maxim was calm throughout, including when Charge raised sensitive issues such as concerns about the election and the seizure of U.S. s
13. (C) Maxim was clearly reaching out to the Embassy, and wants to present himself as a backchannel to the President and a sounding board to
14. (C) The Embassy has not had contact with Maxim in recent years, due to his unofficial status and the many rumors about his questionable ef

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